

TO the Honorable *John Baedem* Esquire, President, and  
*Thomas Henry & Joseph Hemphill* Esquires  
 Associates, Judges, of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting for Beaver County :  
 The petition of *Robert Rankin* of the County of Beaver,  
 humbly sheweth, That your Petitioner, *migrated to America in 1824*  
*and has resided in the United States ever since that*  
*time and* within the State of Pennsylvania, at  
 least three years, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that  
 he doth absolutely renounce, and abjure, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign  
 prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, particularly to the *King*  
*of Great Britain* to whom he was  
 heretofore a subject, that he never hath borne any hereditary title, nor hath been of  
 any of the orders of nobility in the Kingdom from which he came, and is ready to  
 declare on oath, the truth of these things, and prays to be admitted, a Citizen of the  
 United States, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

*Robt Rankin*

BEAVER COUNTY, ss.

At a Court of Common Pleas, held for said  
 County, on the *7th* day of *September* A. D. *1833* before  
 the Honorable *John Baedem* President, and  
 Associates, Judges of the same  
 Court—came *Robert Rankin* and being sworn accord-  
 ing to law, saith that what he hath set forth in the above petition is the truth, and  
 that he doth renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince,  
 potentate or sovereignty whatever, and particularly the to King  
*of Great Britain*  
 and that he will support the Constitution of the United States.

Sworn in open Court.

*James Logan*

*Robt Rankin*

BEAVER COUNTY, ss.

At a Court of Common Pleas, held at Beaver,  
 the *seventh* day of *September* A. D. *1833* for said county  
 came into Court *John Charters* a citizen of the United  
 States, and being sworn according to law, saith, that he hath known the above named  
*Robert Rankin* during the term of five years residence and under  
 the jurisdiction of the said United States, as in the above petition set forth by the  
 said *Robert Rankin* and that he hath behaved  
 himself a sa man of good moral character, and attached to the Constitution of the  
 United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn and Subscribed:

*in open Court the 7th*  
*day of September 1833*

*John Charters*

*James Logan*